



Buxton Civic Association

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Boost for Buxton: Civic Association Secures Funding for Heritage and Visitor Improvements with UKSPF

Buxton Derbyshire, 27th September 2024 - Buxton Civic Association (BCA) is delighted to announce that they have received £38,917.20 of financial support from the UK government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. This will provide a significant boost to local heritage and visitor engagement initiatives. This support will enable Buxton's leading environmental heritage charity to revitalise its retail shop at Poole's Cavern Visitor Centre and produce a new Souvenir Guide **for Poole's Cavern and Buxton Country Park**.

The funding will facilitate a partial refurbishment of the retail shop at Poole's Cavern Visitor Centre, increasing space for both display and storage while making the area more visually appealing, brighter, and easier for customers to navigate. Additionally, it will allow BCA to expand its range of local suppliers, featuring locally produced and environmentally conscious products.

Furthermore, the support will aid in the production of a Souvenir Guide for Poole's Cavern and Buxton Country Park. This new guide aims to be an attractive, eco-friendly publication designed to further engage visitors with the sites and the wider Buxton area, enhancing the overall visitor experience.

Additionally, the funding will support a comprehensive review and enhancement of on-site visitor signage, ensuring clearer, more informative displays. It will also provide new uniforms for staff and volunteers, reinforcing a professional and welcoming presence. Marketing and community engagement initiatives will benefit from upgraded equipment, enabling greater outreach and interaction with visitors and residents.

David Green, CEO, who wrote the funding application, said, "We are very grateful to everyone at High Peak Borough Council for their support. This money should be seen as a much-welcomed strategic investment in heritage conservation and visitor engagement within our community." He added, "The investment is a hugely exciting opportunity for BCA, and the residents of Buxton, who we are encouraging to get involved by submitting photographs to contribute to the creation of the Souvenir Guide. We are keen that we use this opportunity to grow our relevance to residents, visitors, and celebrate our fantastic natural and built heritage in Buxton."



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About BCA

BCA stands out among Civic Associations due to the extensive range of assets it directly manages, enhancing both conservation efforts and public access. These not only include the SSSI-listed Poole's Cavern but also Grin Low Wood, Corbar Wood, and

others. BCA also actively campaigns within the town for high-quality, environmentally sensitive developments that encourage biodiversity and sustainability.

Anyone interested in applying for one of the project tenders that this grant will support should keep an eye on the BCA website, which will be used to promote the opportunities (**buxtoncivicasociation.org.uk**).

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